


In the specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 11 as follows:

 In some embodiments, cell 25 can have forms other than a button cell, such as, for example, a prismatic cell (Fig. 13), the flux contour plot for which is shown in Fig. 14, a cylindrical cell (Fig. 15), and a racetrack cell. For example, a cylindrical cell may include six equally spaced rows of slots, each row composed of three slots in line from the top to the bottom of the cell, or six equally spaced rows of slots, each row composed of twelve slots in line from the top to the bottom of the cell. Placement and number of slots can be similar to placement and number of louvers, as described in U.S.S.N. 09/374,277. Cell 25 can also be, for example, an air-recovery or air-assist cell. In some embodiments, slots 80 are provided in a plastic or metal cartridge capable of containing a single cell or multiple cells, such as canless cells and metal-air cells with alignable slots, where the slots in the cartridge are adjacent to the cathode structure (Fig 16). Such embodiments are described in commonly-assigned U.S.S.N 09/693,010, filed October 20, 2000, and entitled "Battery System", and in commonly-assigned U.S.S.N. 60/265,822, Provisional Application No. _____, filed February 1, 2001, and entitled "Battery", all hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. In some embodiments, the cartridge may contain double cathode cells in which case the slots may be on both the back and front of the cartridge.